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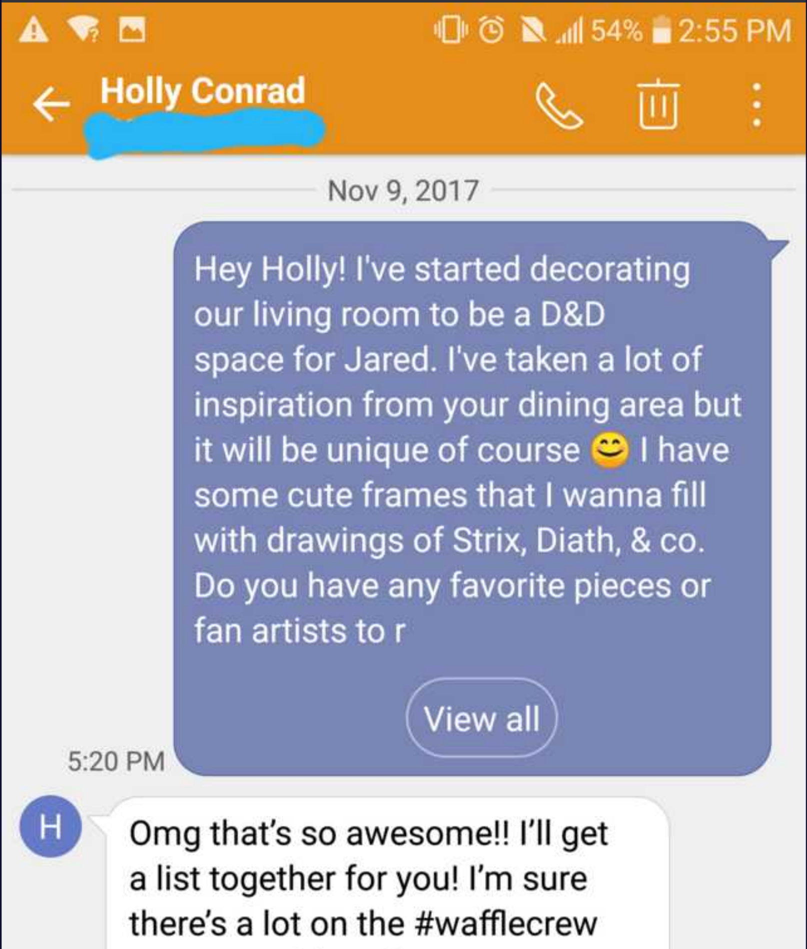

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Nov 9, 2017

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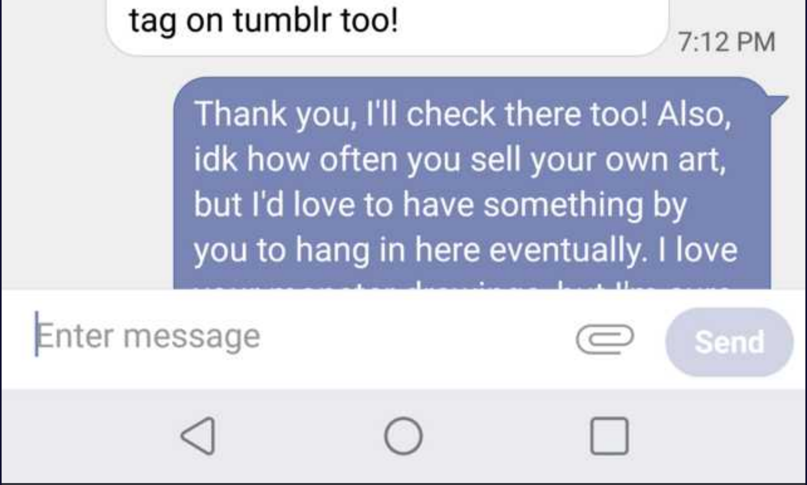
Omg that’s so awesome!! I’ll get a list together for you! I’m sure there’s a lot on the #wafflecrew



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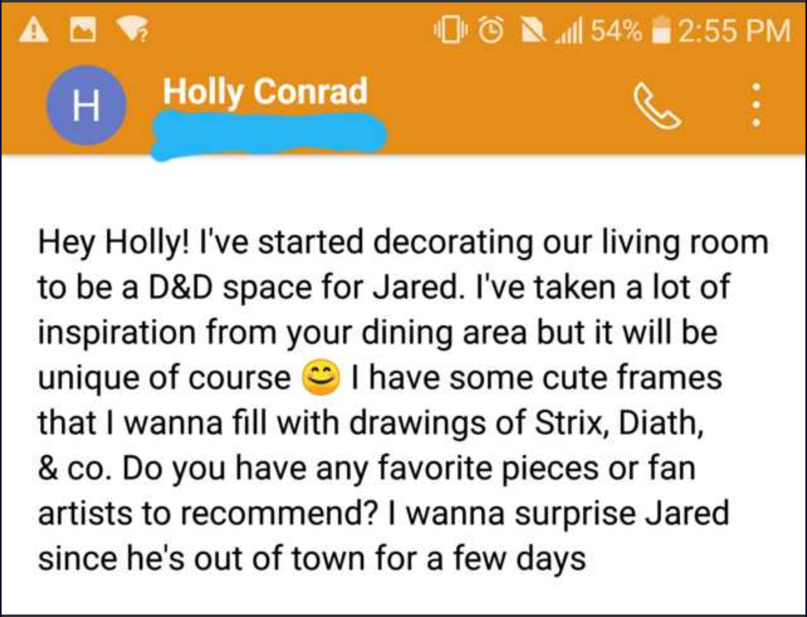

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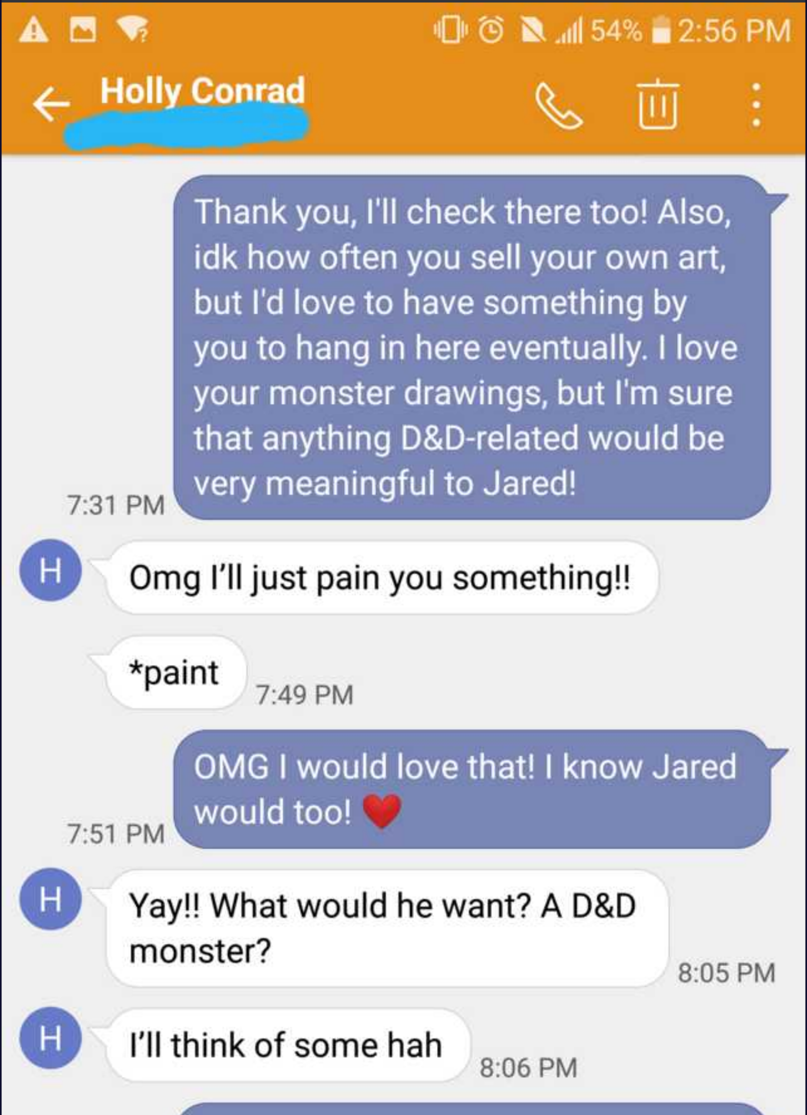

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Thank you, I'll check there too! Also, idk how often you sell your own art, but I'd love to have something by you to hang in here eventually. I love your monster drawings, but I'm sure that anything D&D-related would be very meaningful to Jared!

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Omg I'll just pain you something!!

*paint

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OMG I would love that! I know Jared would too! ❤️

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Yay!! What would he want? A D&D monster?

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I'll think of some hah

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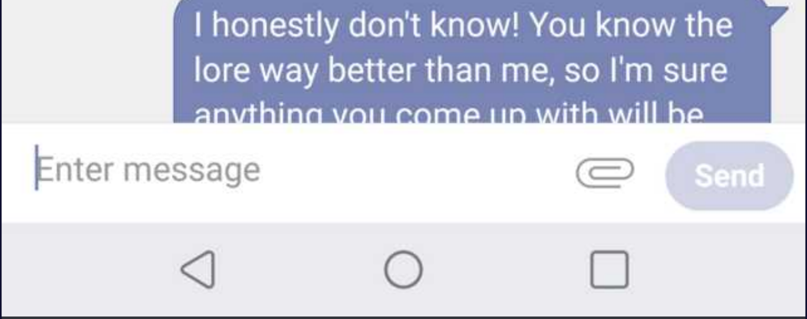

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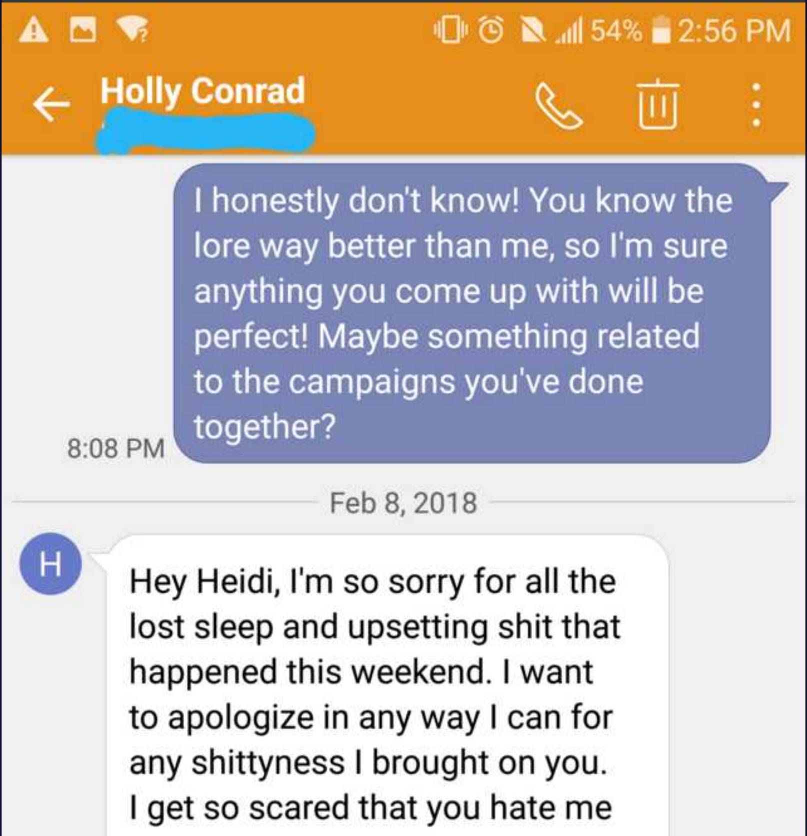

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Feb 8, 2018

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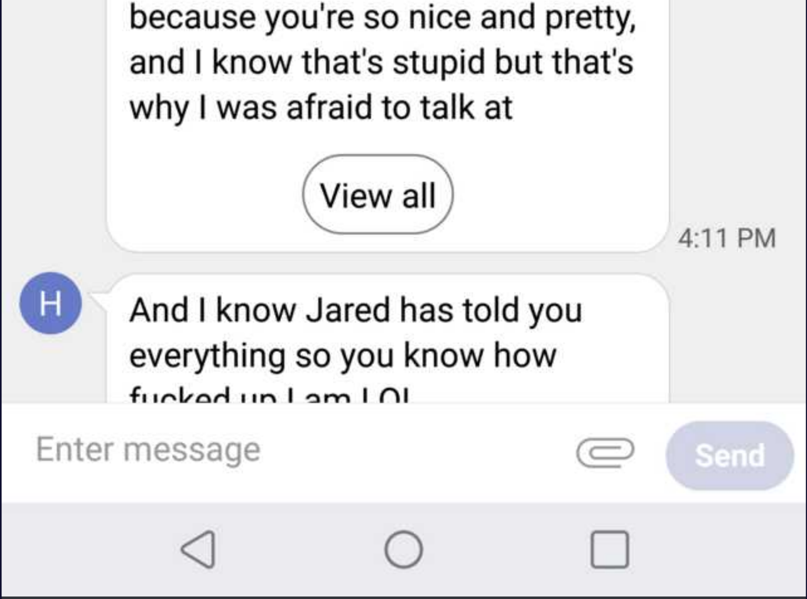

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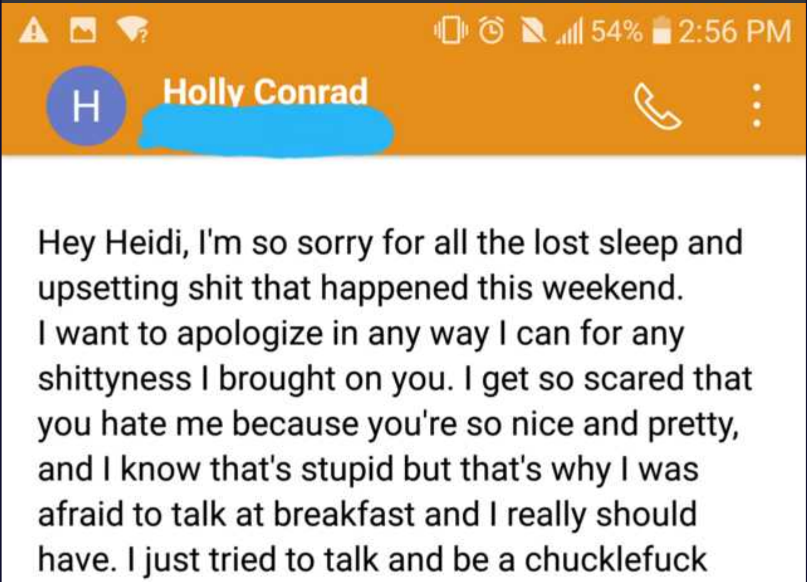

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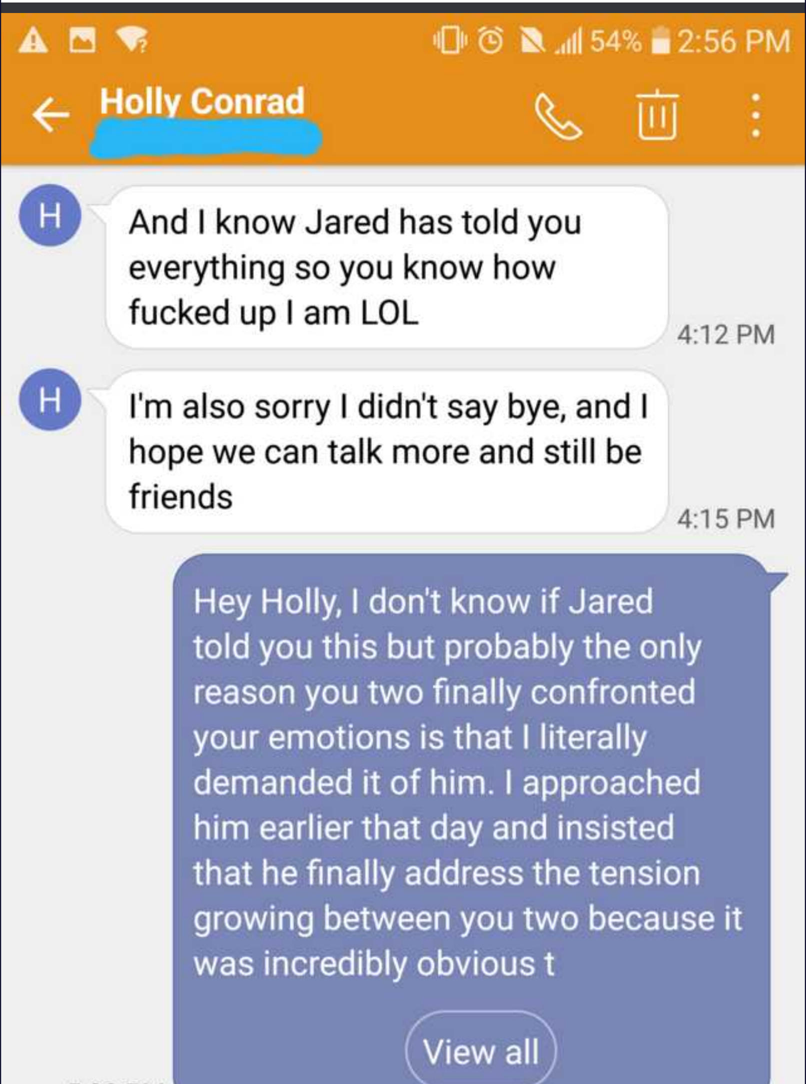
because it's my defense mechanism



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H: I'm also sorry I didn't say bye, and I hope we can talk more and still be friends 4:15 PM

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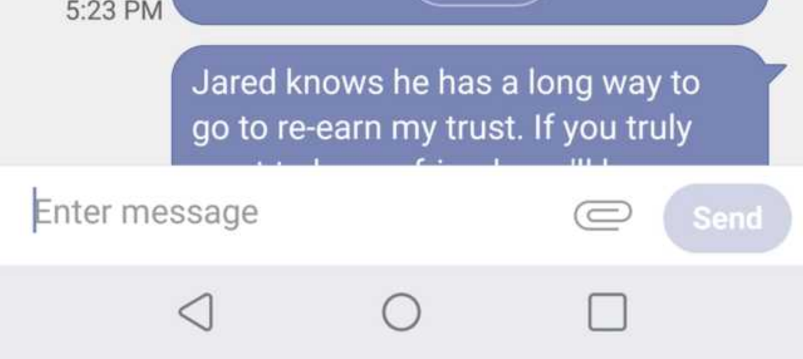

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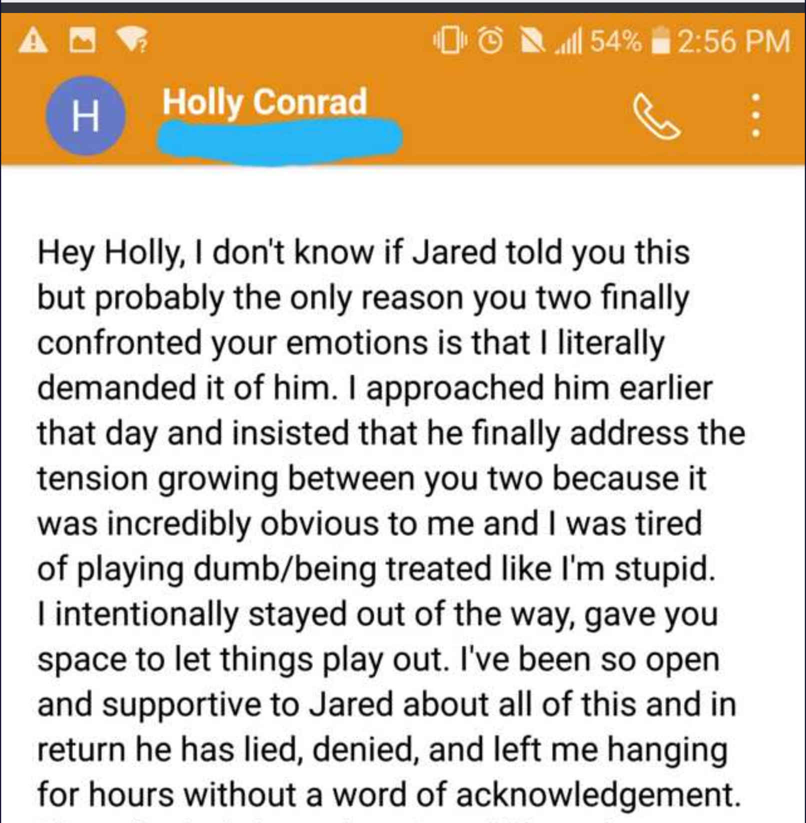

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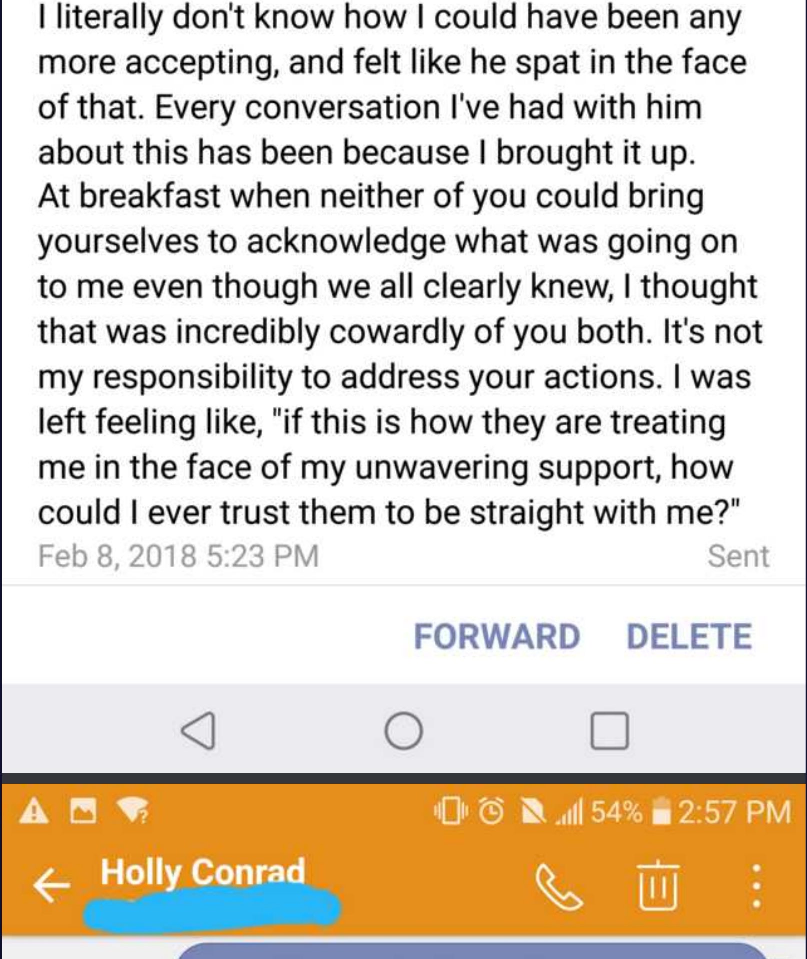

I literally don't know how I could have been any more accepting, and felt like he spat in the face of that. Every conversation I've had with him about this has been because I brought it up.
At breakfast when neither of you could bring yourselves to acknowledge what was going on to me even though we all clearly knew, I thought that was incredibly cowardly of you both. It's not my responsibility to address your actions. I was left feeling like, "if this is how they are treating me in the face of my unwavering support, how could I ever trust them to be straight with me?"

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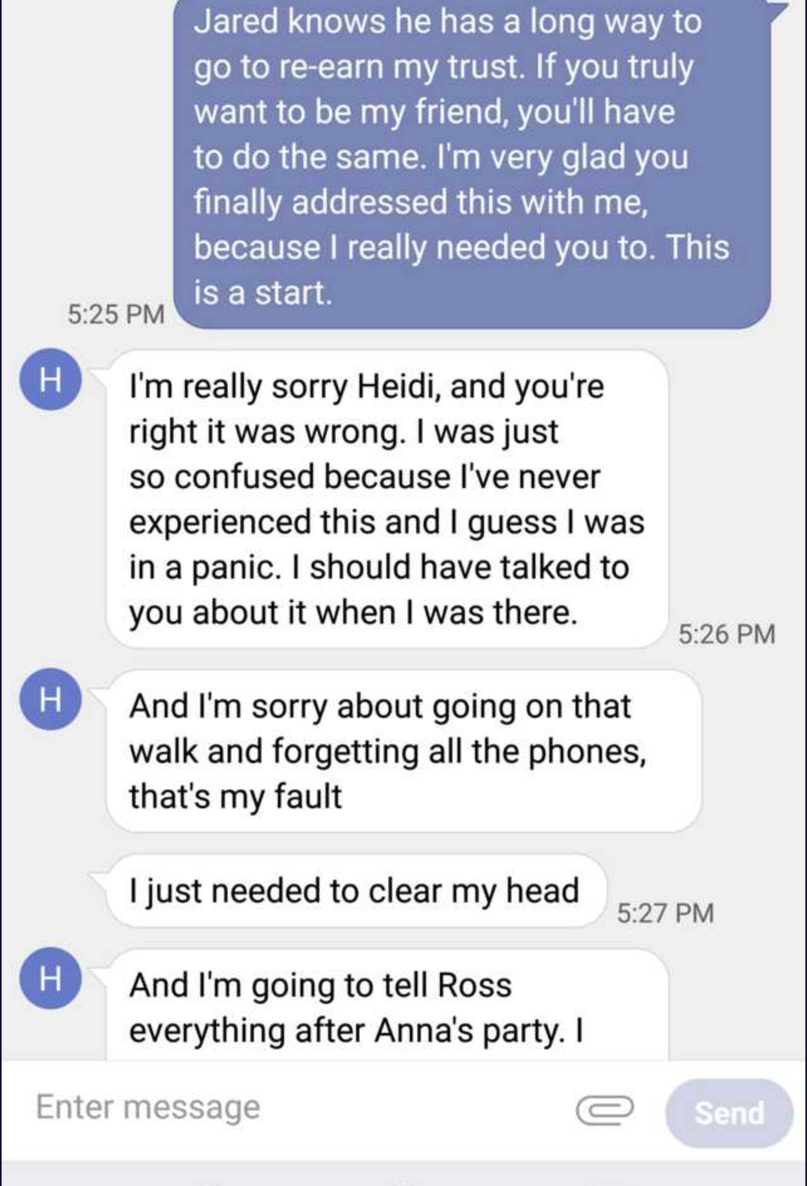

Jared knows he has a long way to go to re-earn my trust. If you truly want to be my friend, you'll have to do the same. I'm very glad you finally addressed this with me, because I really needed you to. This is a start.

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I'm really sorry Heidi, and you're right it was wrong. I was just so confused because I've never experienced this and I guess I was in a panic. I should have talked to you about it when I was there.

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And I'm sorry about going on that walk and forgetting all the phones, that's my fault

I just needed to clear my head

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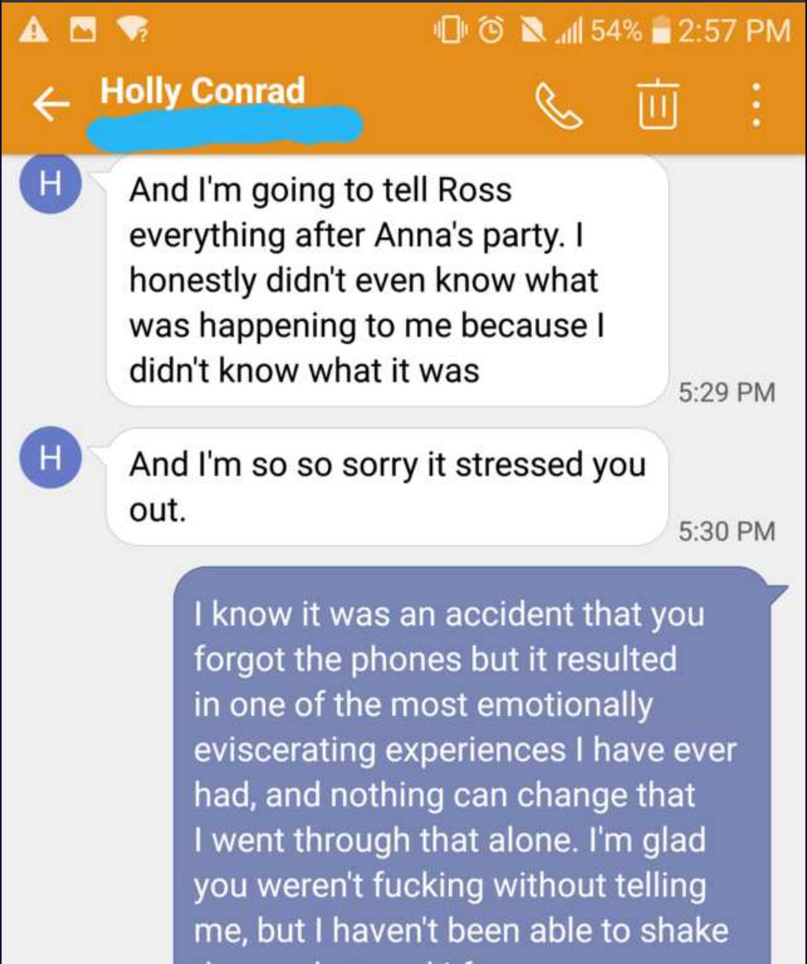
And I'm going to tell Ross everything after Anna's party. I

I'm sorry to include mentions of other people at all, but I felt like the context is necessary here.



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H: And I'm so so sorry it stressed you out.

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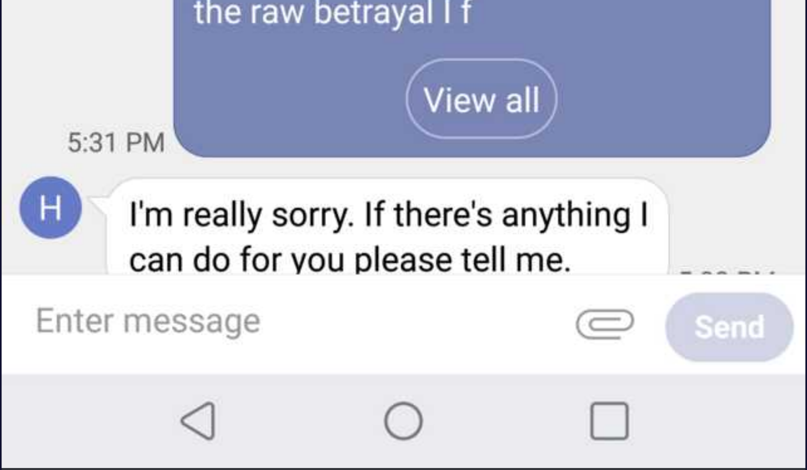

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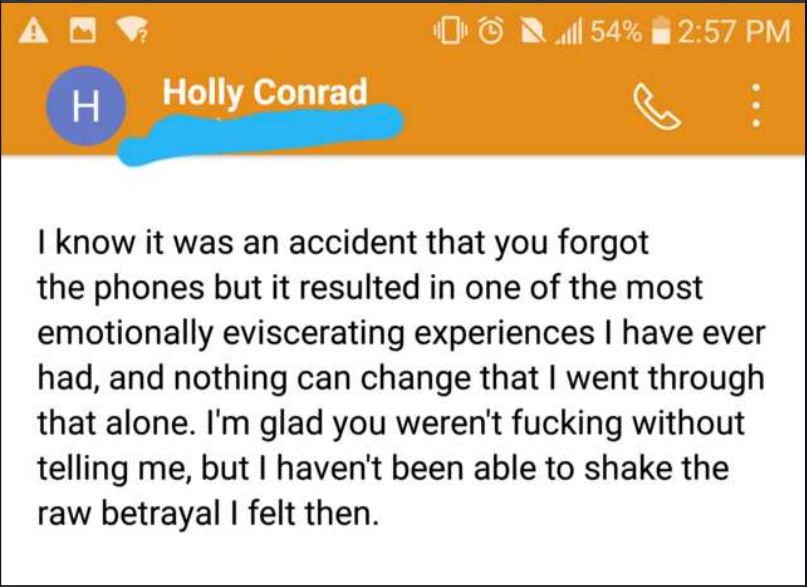
I'm really sorry. If there's anything I can do for you please tell me.



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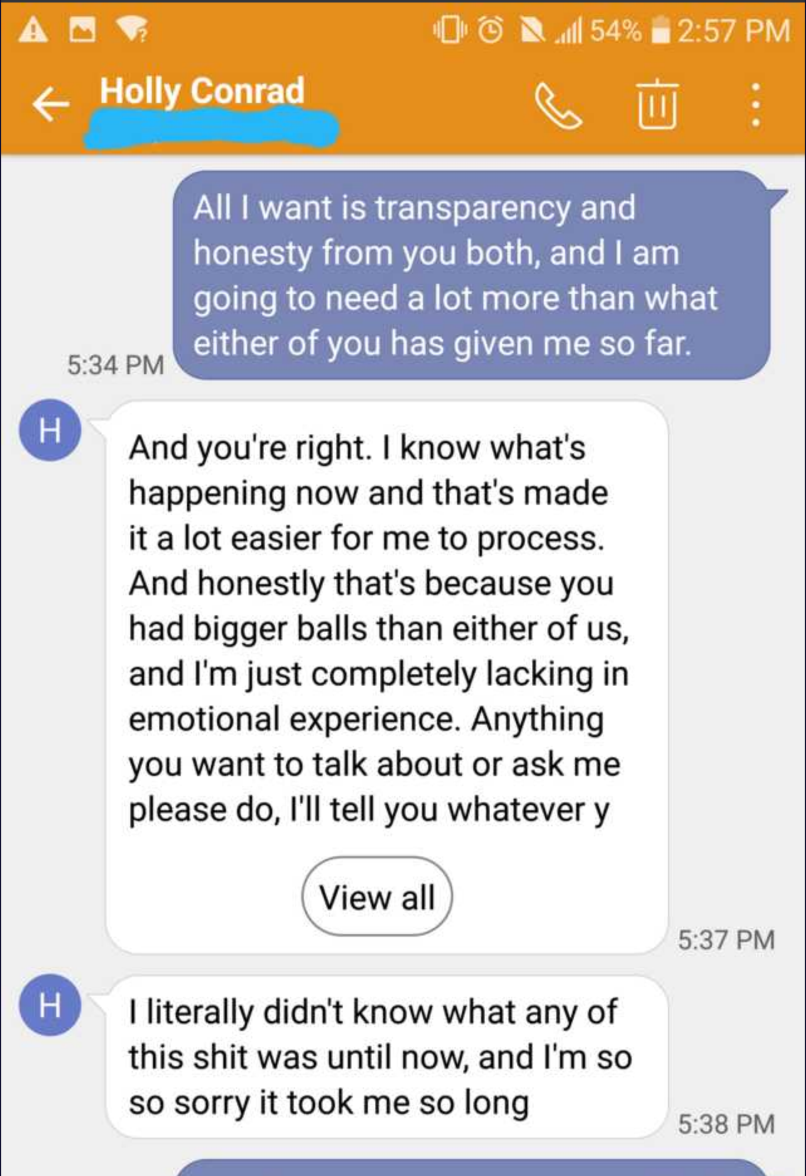

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All I want is transparency and honesty from you both, and I am going to need a lot more than what either of you has given me so far.
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I literally didn't know what any of this shit was until now, and I'm so so sorry it took me so long
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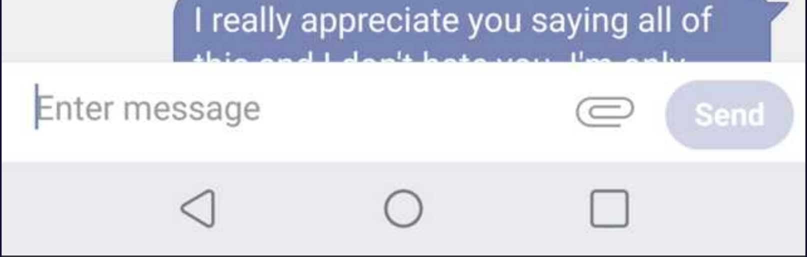

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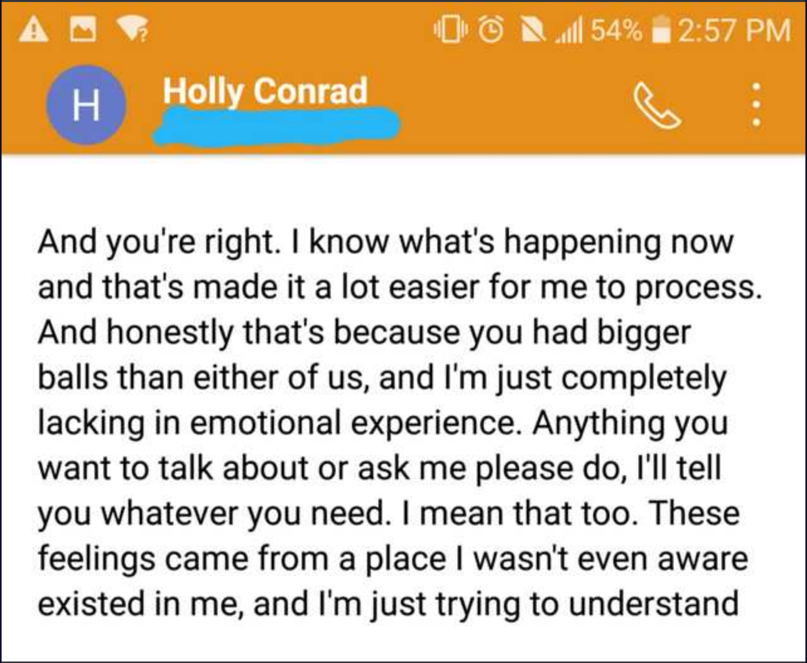

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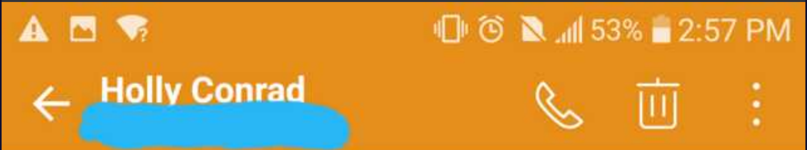

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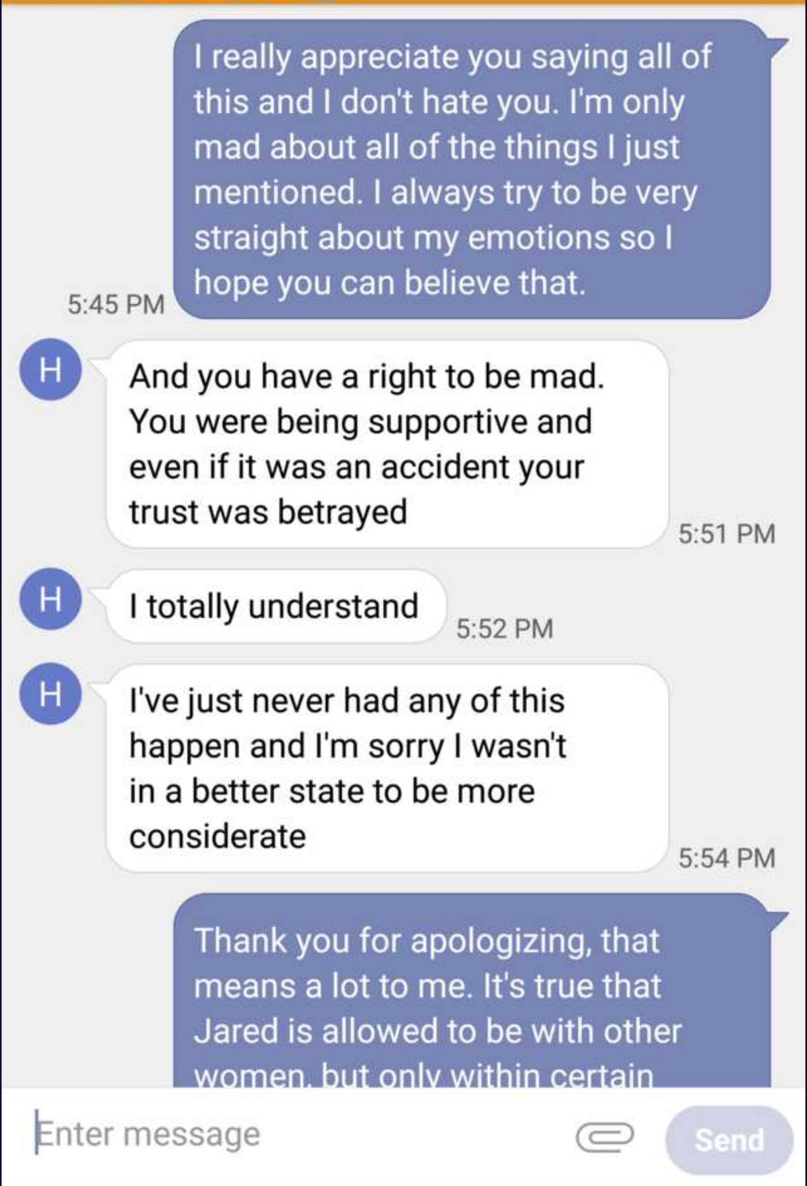

I really appreciate you saying all of this and I don't hate you. I'm only mad about all of the things I just mentioned. I always try to be very straight about my emotions so I hope you can believe that.

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And you have a right to be mad. You were being supportive and even if it was an accident your trust was betrayed

5:51 PM

I totally understand

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I've just never had any of this happen and I'm sorry I wasn't in a better state to be more considerate

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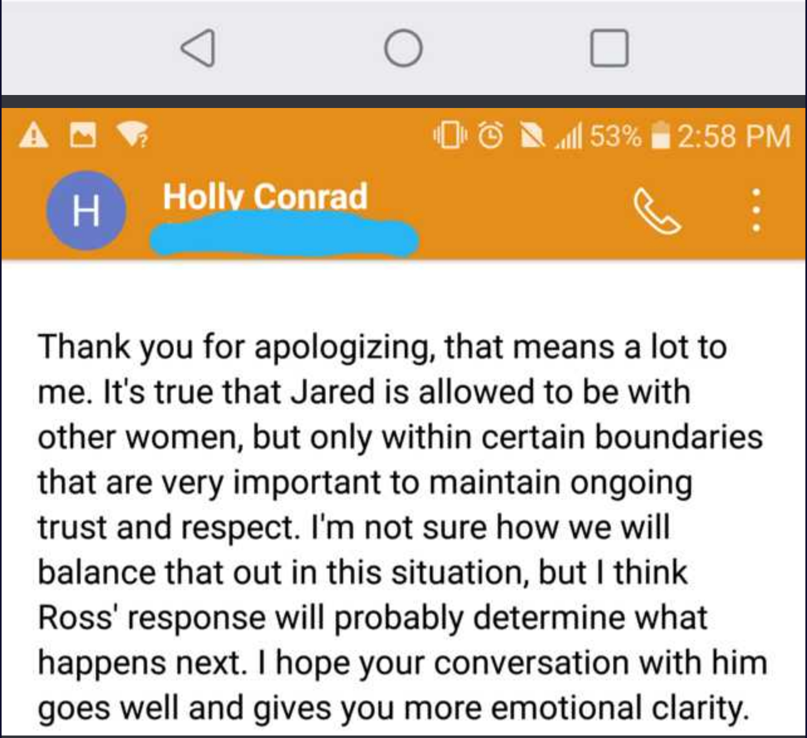
Thank you for apologizing, that means a lot to me. It's true that Jared is allowed to be with other women, but only within certain



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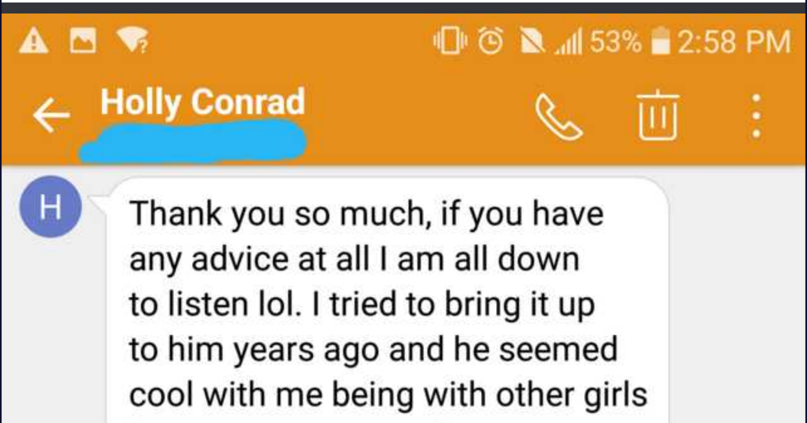
Thank you for apologizing, that means a lot to me. It's true that Jared is allowed to be with other women, but only within certain boundaries that are very important to maintain ongoing trust and respect. I'm not sure how we will balance that out in this situation, but I think Ross' response will probably determine what happens next. I hope your conversation with him goes well and gives you more emotional clarity.



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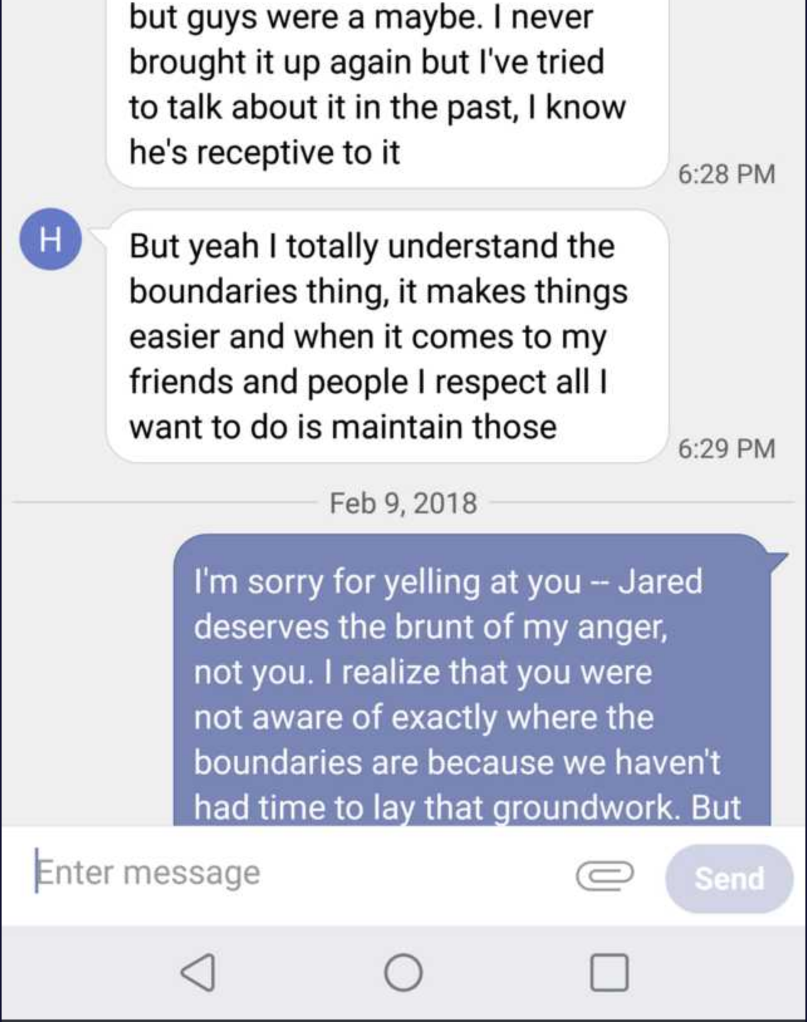
Thank you so much, if you have any advice at all I am all down to listen lol. I tried to bring it up to him years ago and he seemed cool with me being with other girls



but guys were a maybe. I never brought it up again but I've tried to talk about it in the past, I know he's receptive to it 6:28 PM

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But yeah I totally understand the boundaries thing, it makes things easier and when it comes to my friends and people I respect all I want to do is maintain those 6:29 PM

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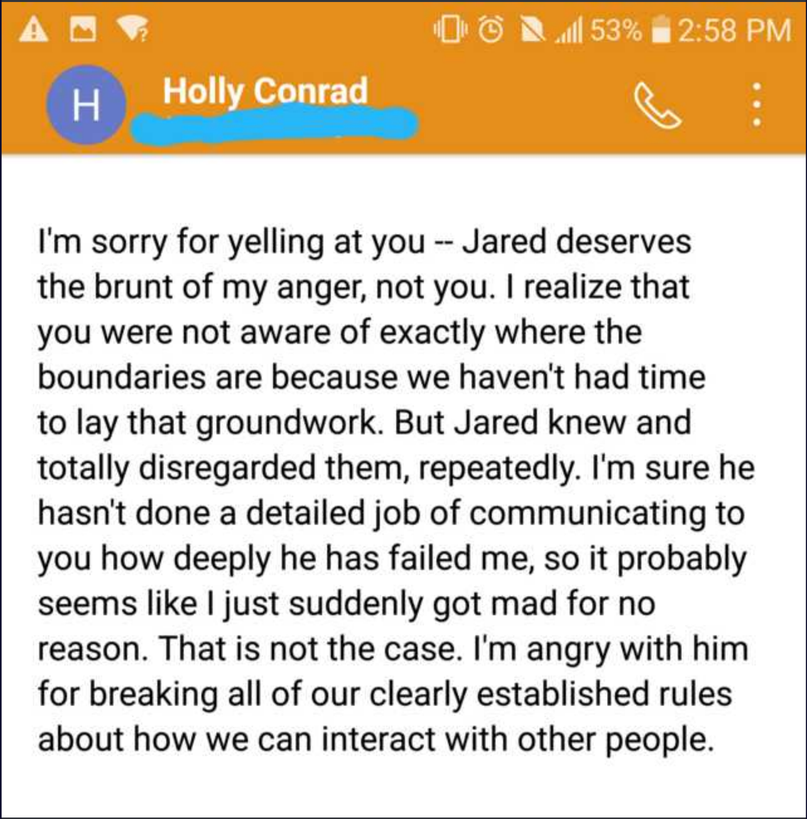

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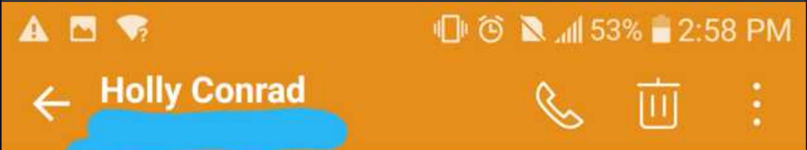

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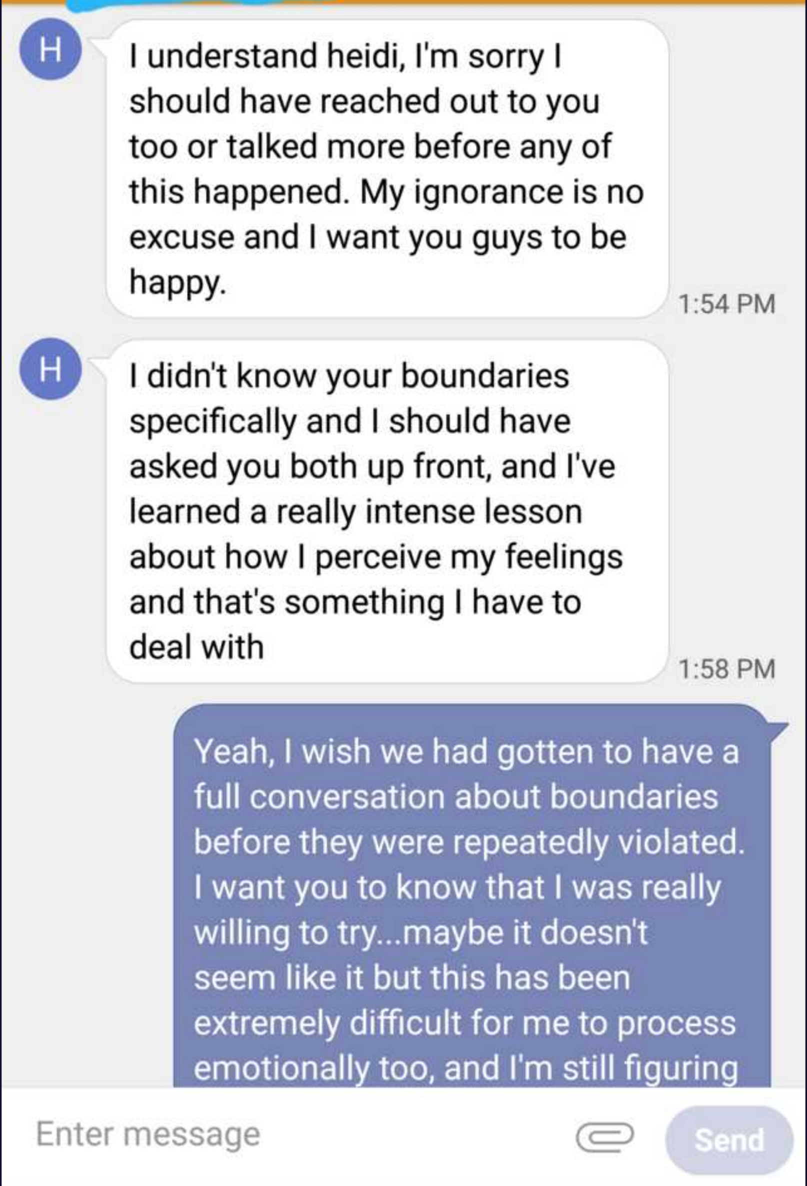

I understand heidi, I'm sorry I should have reached out to you too or talked more before any of this happened. My ignorance is no excuse and I want you guys to be happy.

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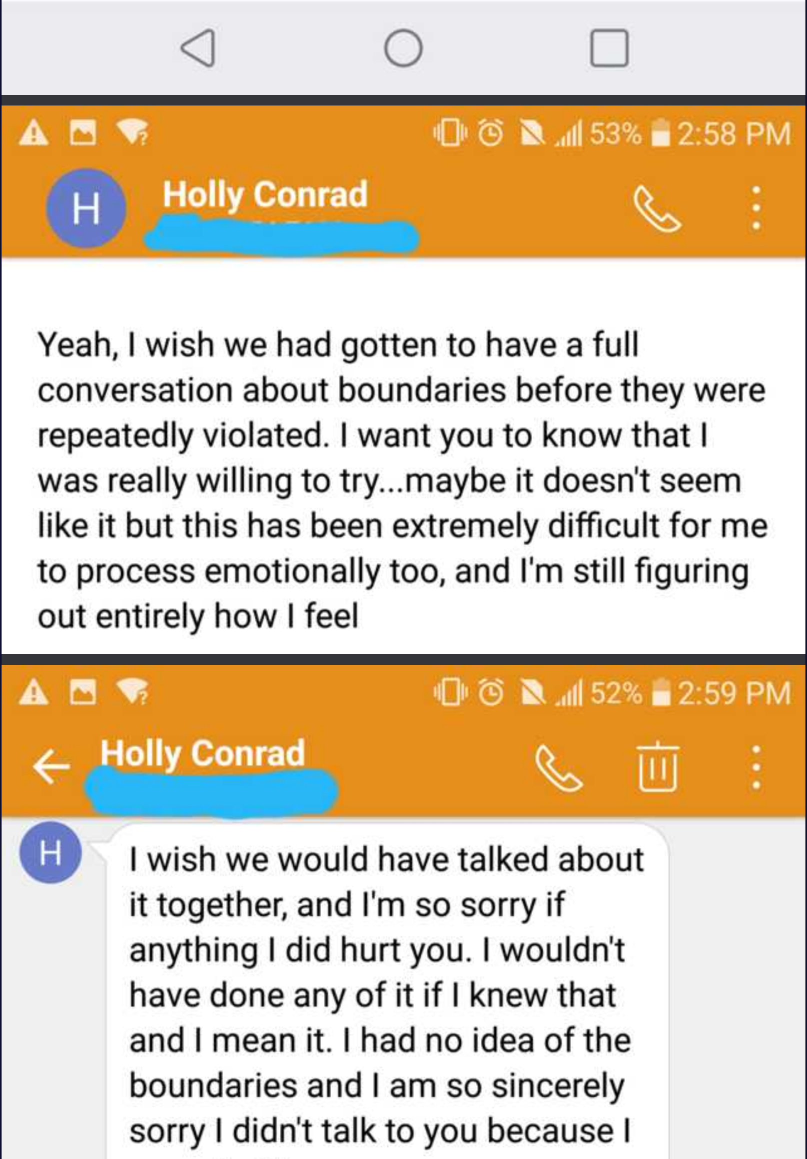
I didn't know your boundaries specifically and I should have asked you both up front, and I've learned a really intense lesson about how I perceive my feelings and that's something I have to deal with

1:58 PM

Yeah, I wish we had gotten to have a full conversation about boundaries before they were repeatedly violated. I want you to know that I was really willing to try...maybe it doesn't seem like it but this has been extremely difficult for me to process emotionally too, and I'm still figuring



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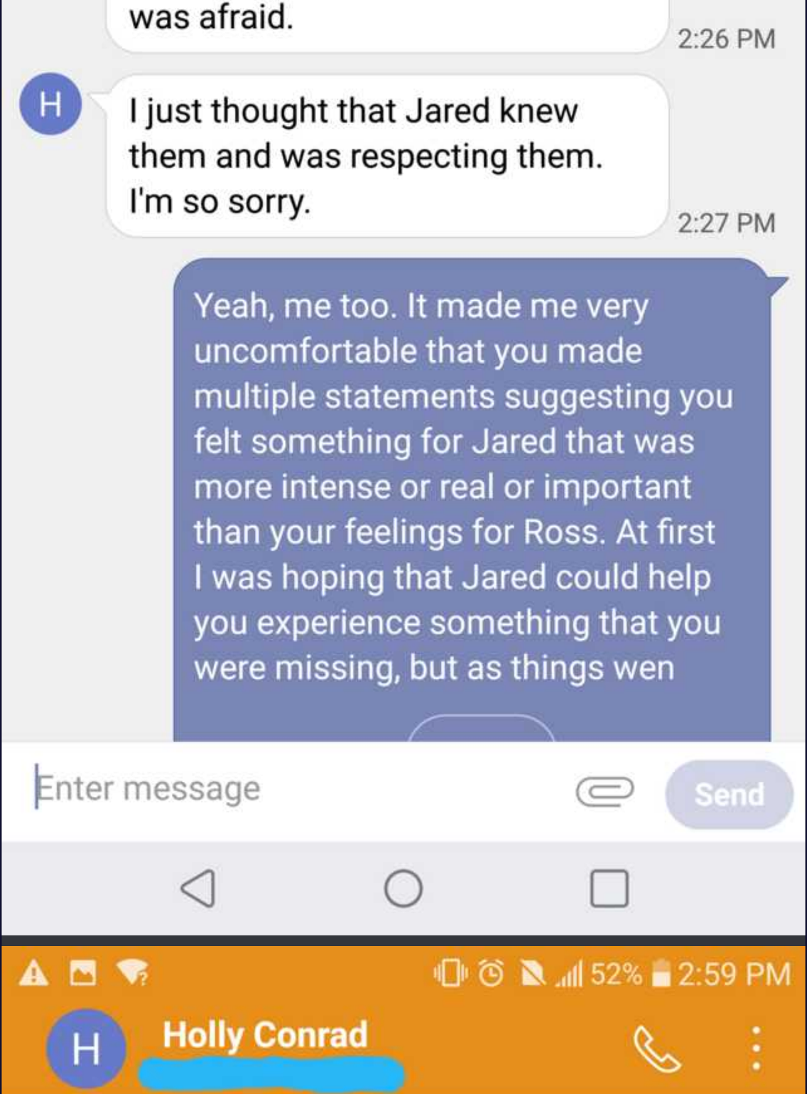
I wish we would have talked about it together, and I'm so sorry if anything I did hurt you. I wouldn't have done any of it if I knew that and I mean it. I had no idea of the boundaries and I am so sincerely sorry I didn't talk to you because I



was afraid.

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I just thought that Jared knew them and was respecting them. I'm so sorry.

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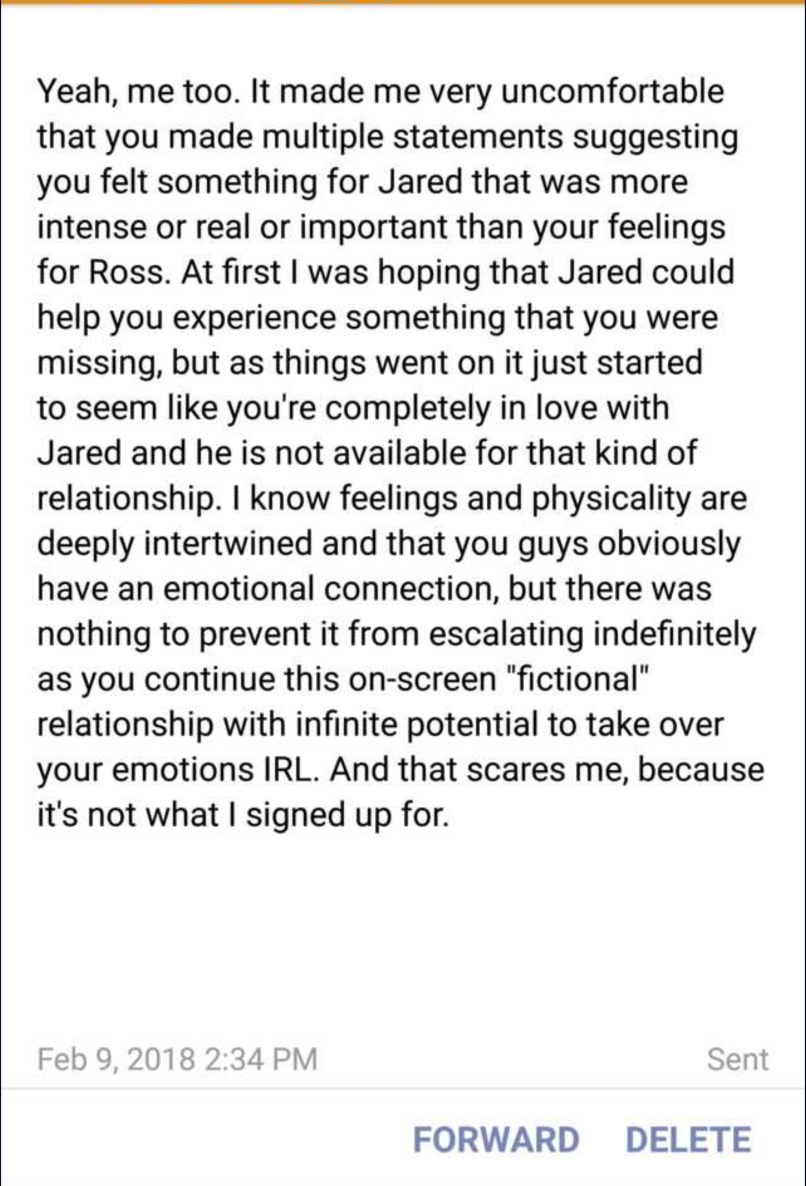

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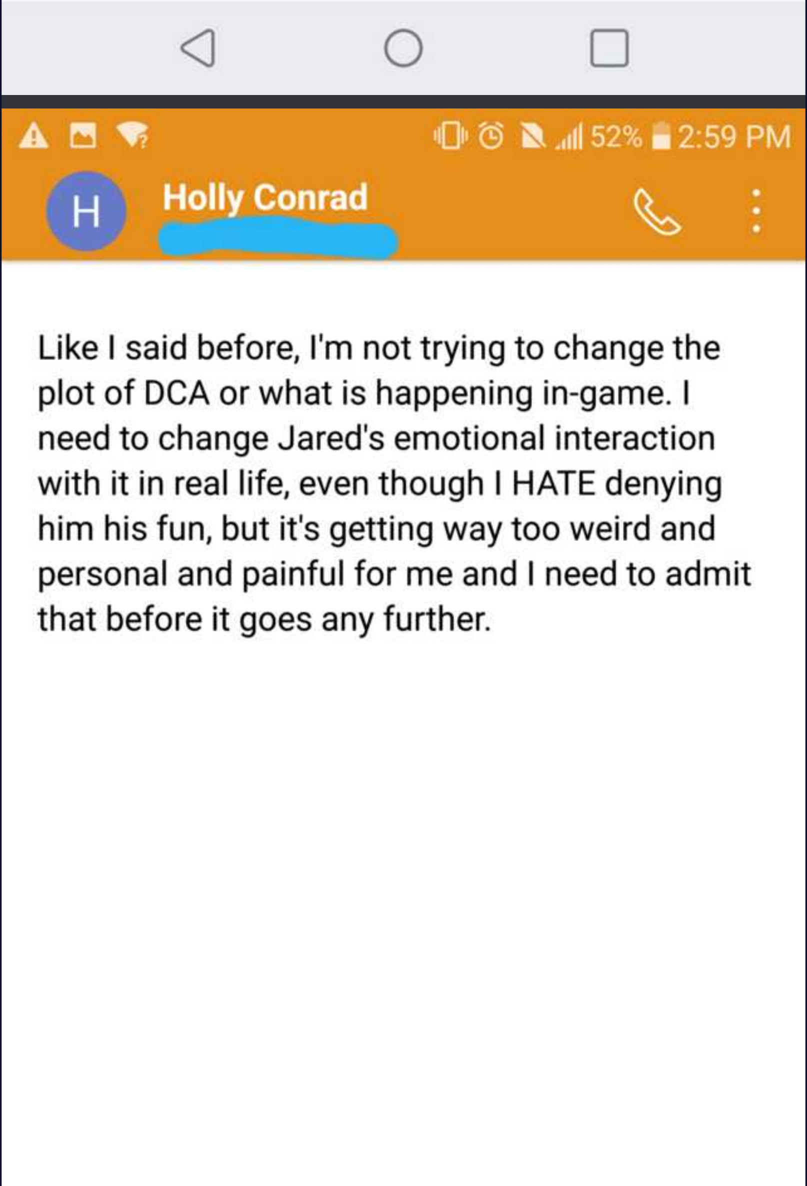

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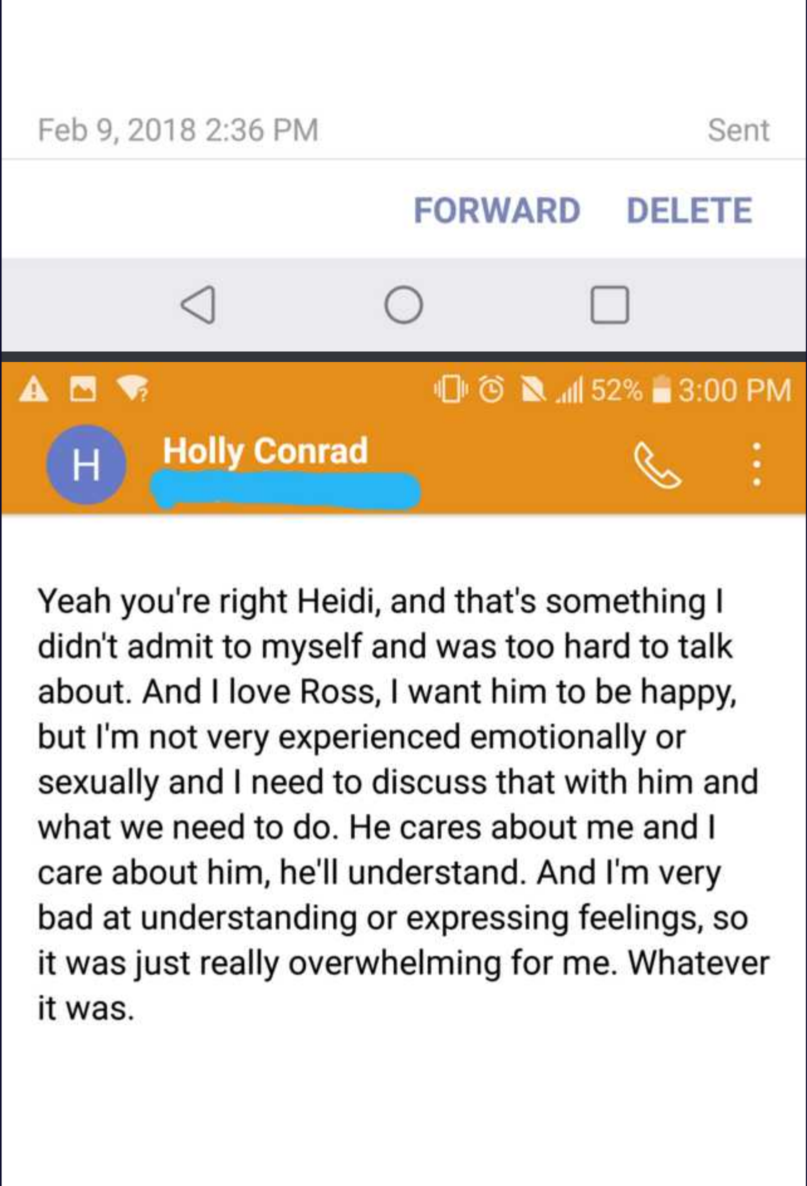
Like I said before, I'm not trying to change the plot of DCA or what is happening in-game. I need to change Jared's emotional interaction with it in real life, even though I HATE denying him his fun, but it's getting way too weird and personal and painful for me and I need to admit that before it goes any further.



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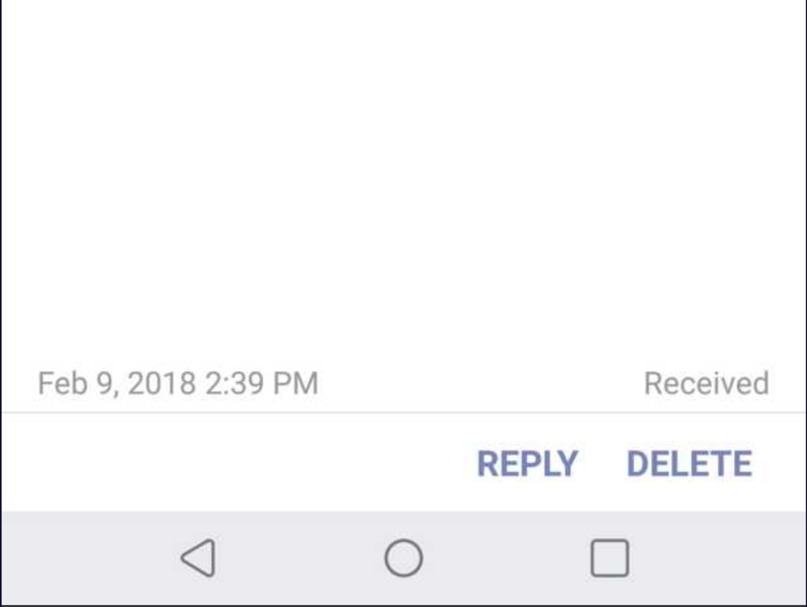
Yeah you're right Heidi, and that's something I didn't admit to myself and was too hard to talk about. And I love Ross, I want him to be happy, but I'm not very experienced emotionally or sexually and I need to discuss that with him and what we need to do. He cares about me and I care about him, he'll understand. And I'm very bad at understanding or expressing feelings, so it was just really overwhelming for me. Whatever it was.



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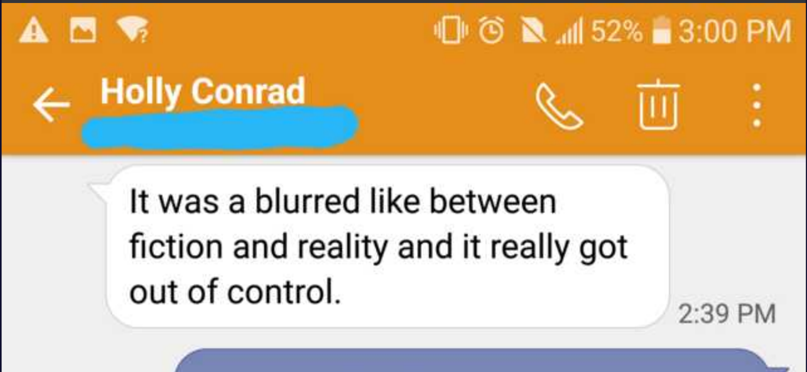

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It was a blurred like between fiction and reality and it really got out of control.

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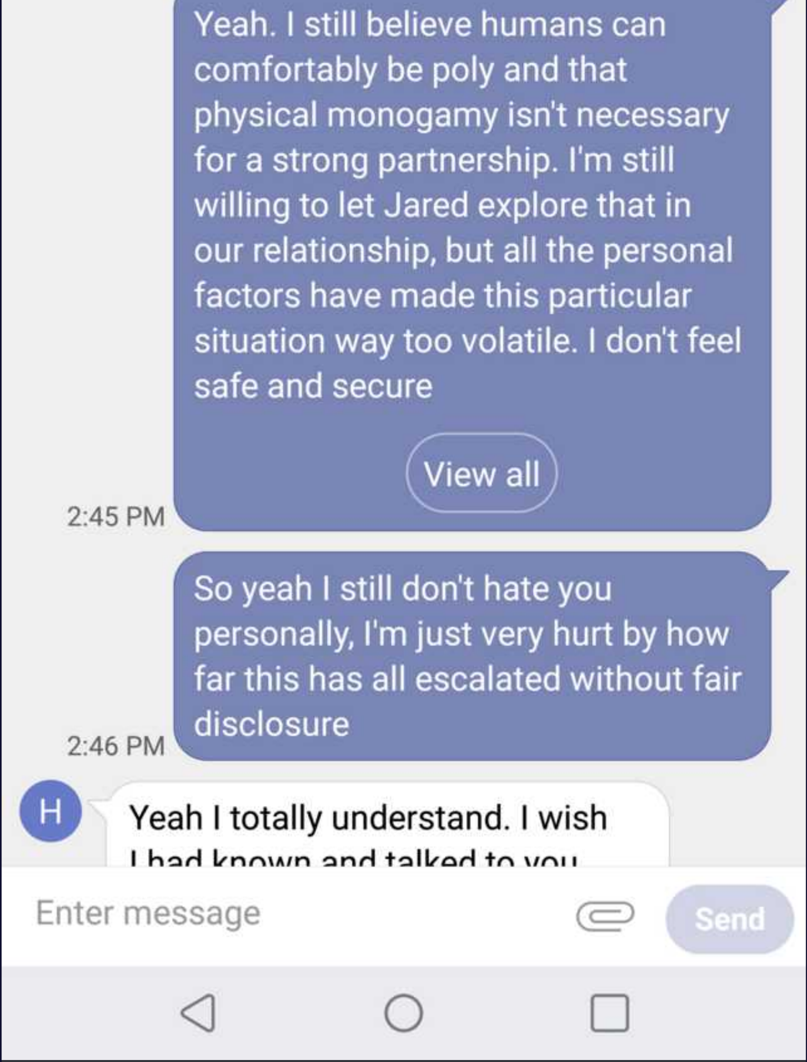

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So yeah I still don't hate you personally, I'm just very hurt by how far this has all escalated without fair disclosure

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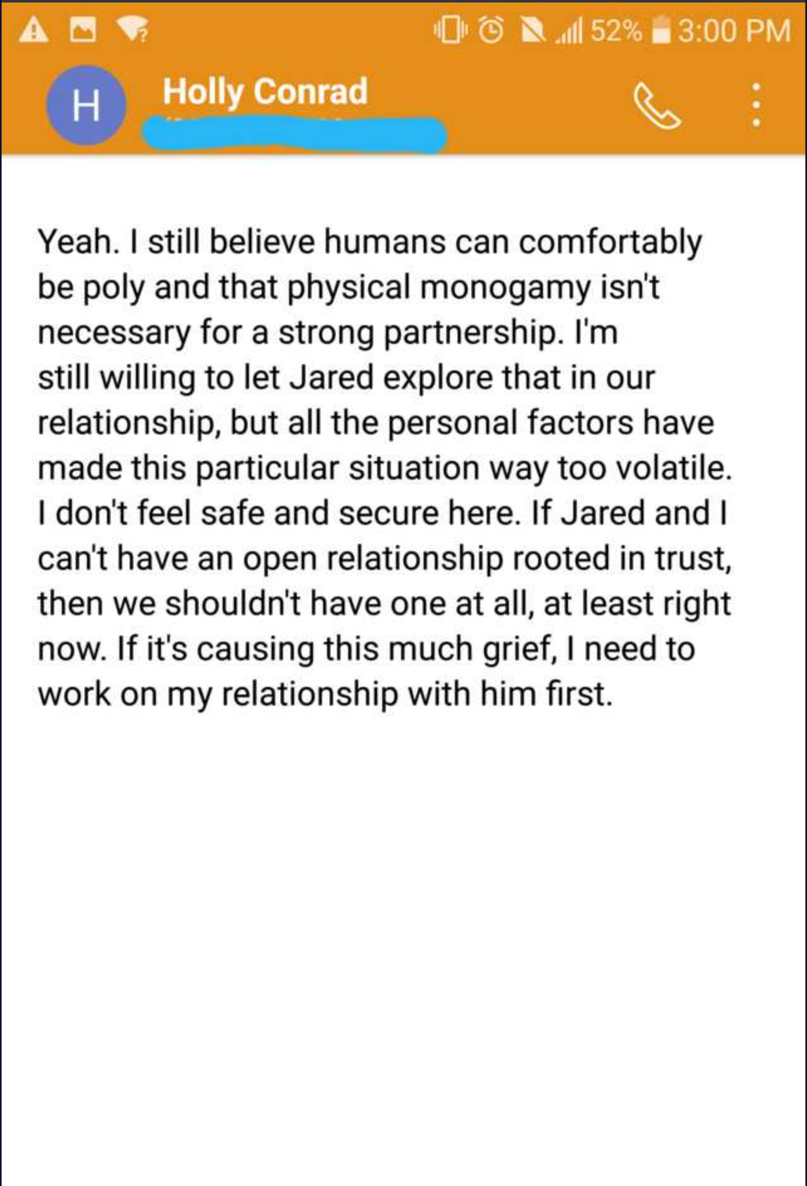
Yeah I totally understand. I wish I had known and talked to you



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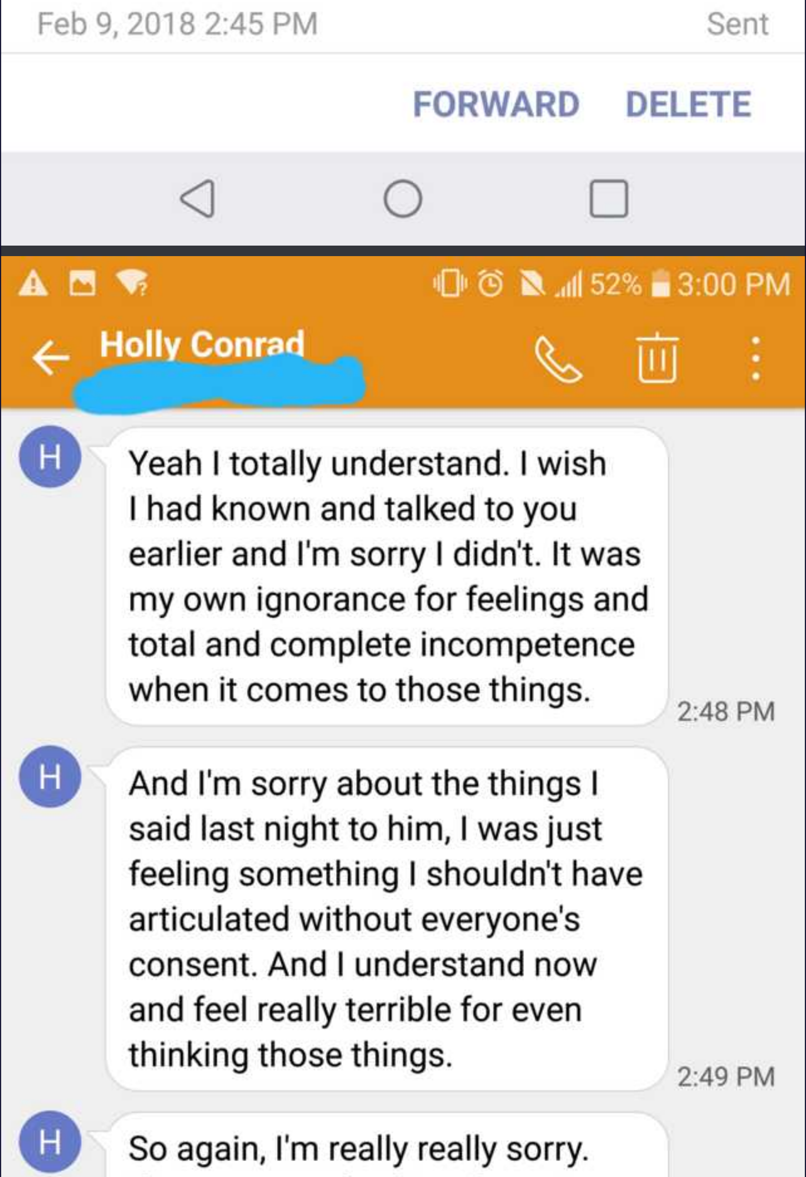

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Holly Conrad
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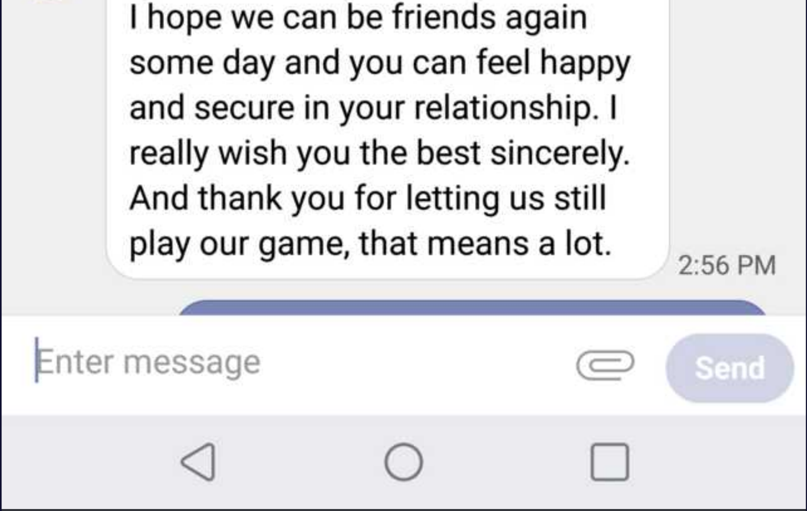
H: Yeah I totally understand. I wish I had known and talked to you earlier and I'm sorry I didn't. It was my own ignorance for feelings and total and complete incompetence when it comes to those things. 2:48 PM

H: And I'm sorry about the things I said last night to him, I was just feeling something I shouldn't have articulated without everyone's consent. And I understand now and feel really terrible for even thinking those things. 2:49 PM

H: So again, I'm really really sorry.



I hope we can be friends again some day and you can feel happy and secure in your relationship. I really wish you the best sincerely. And thank you for letting us still play our game, that means a lot.

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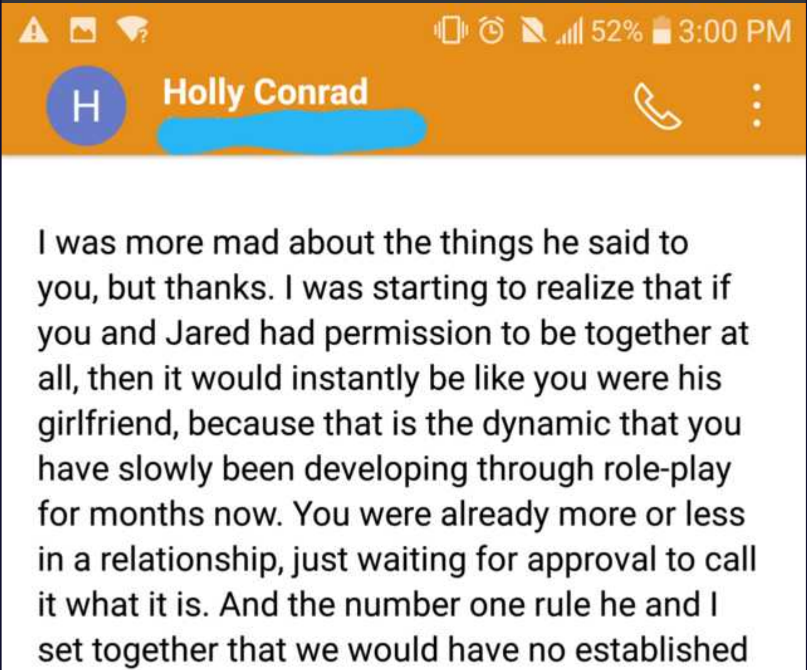

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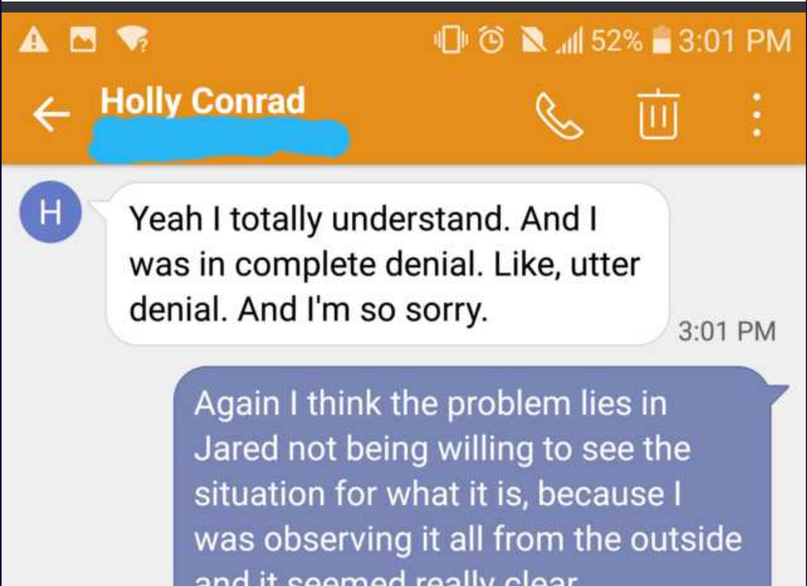
I was more mad about the things he said to you, but thanks. I was starting to realize that if you and Jared had permission to be together at all, then it would instantly be like you were his girlfriend, because that is the dynamic that you have slowly been developing through role-play for months now. You were already more or less in a relationship, just waiting for approval to call it what it is. And the number one rule he and I set together that we would have no established side relationships, because it's too messy. Much less with someone close to us both.



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Yeah I totally understand. And I was in complete denial. Like, utter denial. And I'm so sorry.

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Again I think the problem lies in Jared not being willing to see the situation for what it is, because I was observing it all from the outside and it seemed really clear